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CURTISS RENN

Serial No. : 10/600,808 Art Unit: 1764

Filing Date : June 20, 2003 Examiner: Vinit H. Patel

For : METHANOL STEAM REFORMING CATALYSTS,  
STEAM REFORMERS, AND FUEL CELL SYSTEMS  
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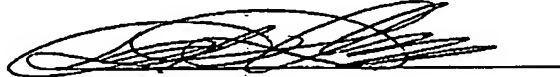
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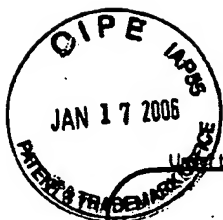
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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